

THE 7 TRUMPETS

Revelation 8-9

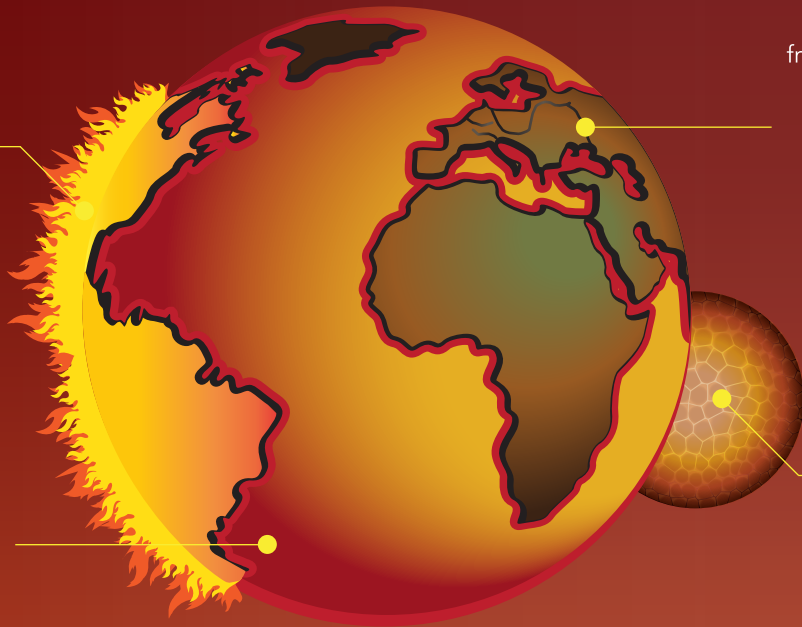
The 7 trumpet judgments are nested **within** the 7th seal, so the breaking of that seal marks the commencement of a new wave of calamities on the Earth. So terrible will the judgments be from here on, that heaven stays silent for a period in readiness of the unimaginable affliction. The first 4 trumpets bring devastation to what remains of the planet, and the last 3 trumpets, also known as **the woe judgments**, bring severe torment to the human body. Note that the 7th trumpet is blown in Rev 11, triggering the 7 nested bowl judgments in Rev 16.

REV 8:7

The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

REV 8:8-9

The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood, and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.



WOE, WOE, WOE



REV 8:10-11

The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

REV 8:12

The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

The completion of the first 6 trumpets will bring us to the 3.5 year mark, the mid-point of the 7 year Tribulation period.

When the fifth angel sounded its trumpet, smoke from the abyss darkened the sun even further, and out of the smoke came a plague of demonic locusts that spread over the earth. With human heads and long hair, they were instructed not to kill, but to torment the bodies of unbelievers. Their scorpion-like tails would inflict pain lasting 5 months and people will seek to kill themselves, but be unable to do so.

However, death arrives for many when the sixth angel sounds its trumpet, releasing four demons who amass an army of 200 million horsemen. These horses have heads like lions, breathe out fire, smoke and brimstone, and have tails with serpent heads. They kill a third of all the remaining people on Earth. In Joel 2:3, the prophet says:

“ A fire consumes before them and behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them but a desolate wilderness behind them, and nothing at all escapes them. Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; and like war horses, so they run. ”



1 THIRD OF THE EARTH BURNED

One third of the already battered Earth is burned and becomes uninhabitable.

2 THIRD OF THE SEAS TURNED TO BLOOD

Blood affects ships' buoyancy causing them to capsize. Marine life dies as blood spreads across the waters.

3 THIRD OF THE RIVERS MADE BITTER

Wormwood is probably a demon sent to poison a third of the fresh water sources on Earth.

4 THIRD OF THE SUN, MOON AND STARS DARKENED

Daylight is reduced and nights become darker. Temperatures would drop and any remaining crops would fail.

5 DEMONIC LOCUSTS

The world is plagued by locust-like creatures that torture the body for 5 months.

6 ARMY FROM THE EAST

A demonic army of horsemen destroys a third of the remaining people.